

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
ANIMAL AND PLANT HEALTH INSPECTION SERVICE

1. REGISTRATION NO. CUSTOMER NO.
63-V-0003 938

FORM APPROVED
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ANNUAL REPORT OF RESEARCH FACILITY
(TYPE OR PRINT)

2. HEADQUARTERS RESEARCH FACILITY (Name and Address, as registered with USDA, include Zip Code)
VA MEDICAL CENTER
1030 JEFFERSON AVENUE
MEMPHIS, TN 38104
(999) 999-9999

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3. REPORTING FACILITY (List all locations where animals were housed or used in actual research, testing, teaching, or experimentation, or held for these purposes. Attach additional sheets if necessary.)

FACILITY LOCATIONS(sites)

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REPORT OF ANIMALS USED BY OR UNDER CONTROL OF RESEARCH FACILITY (Attach additional sheets if necessary or use APHIS FORM 7023A)

A.	B. Number of animals being bred, conditioned, or held for use in teaching, testing, experiments, research, or surgery but not yet used for such purposes.	C. Number of animals upon which teaching, research, experiments, or tests were conducted involving no pain, distress, or use of pain-relieving drugs.	D. Number of animals upon which experiments, teaching, research, surgery, or tests were conducted involving accompanying pain or distress to the animals and for which appropriate anesthetic, analgesic, or tranquilizing drugs were used.	E. Number of animals upon which teaching, experiments, research, surgery or tests were conducted involving accompanying pain or distress to the animals and for which the use of appropriate anesthetic, analgesic, or tranquilizing drugs would have adversely affected the procedures, results, or interpretation of the teaching, research, experiments, surgery, or tests. (An explanation of the procedures producing pain or distress in these animals and the reasons such drugs were not used must be attached to this report)	F. TOTAL NO. OF ANIMALS (Cols. C + D + E)
4. Dogs	0	0	0	0	0
5. Cats	0	0	0	0	0
6. Guinea Pigs	0	0	0	0	0
7. Hamsters	0	0	0	0	0
8. Rabbits	0	4	15	0	19
9. Non-Human Primates	0	0	0	0	0
10. Sheep	0	0	0	0	0
11. Pigs	0	0	0	0	0
12. Other Farm Animals	0	0	0	0	0
13. Other Animals					
a. Rat	0	20	75	0	95
b. Mice	0	2575	743	25	3343

ASSURANCE STATEMENTS

- Professionally acceptable standards governing the care, treatment, and use of animals, including appropriate use of anesthetic, analgesic, and tranquilizing drugs, prior to, during, and following actual research, teaching, testing, surgery, or experimentation were followed by this research facility.
- Each principal investigator has considered alternatives to painful procedures.
- This facility is adhering to the standards and regulations under the Act, and it has required that exceptions to the standards and regulations be specified and explained by the principal investigator and approved by the Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC). A summary of all the exceptions is attached to this annual report. In addition to identifying the IACUC-approved exceptions, this summary includes a brief explanation of the exceptions, as well as the species and number of animals affected.
- The attending veterinarian for this research facility has appropriate authority to ensure the provision of adequate veterinary care and to oversee the adequacy of other aspects of animal care and use.

CERTIFICATION BY HEADQUARTERS RESEARCH FACILITY OFFICIAL
(Chief Executive Officer or Legally Responsible Institutional official)

I certify that the above is true, correct, and complete (7 U.S.C. Section 2143)

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DATE SIGNED

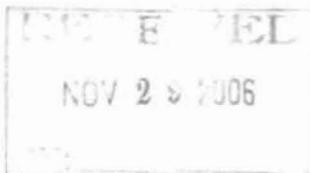
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Column E Explanation Form

This form is intended as an aid to completing the Column E explanation. Names, addresses, protocols, veterinary care programs, and the like, are not required as part of an explanation. A Column E explanation must be written so as to be understood by lay persons as well as scientists.

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2. Number of animals used under Column E conditions in this study. **25**

3. Species (common name) of animals used in this study. **Mouse**

4. Explain the procedure producing pain and/or distress, including reason(s) for species selected.

The procedure that produces pain in this model is the development of inflammation associated with the onset of arthritis. Collagen Induced Arthritis is a murine model of inflammatory autoimmune arthritis that in many respects resembles human Rheumatoid Arthritis. The processes being studied involves immune system-wide interactions, necessitating the adoption of an mammalian model for which a broad array of diagnostic, phenotypic and genotypic reagents are available.

5. Provide scientific justification why pain and/or distress could not be relieved. State methods or means used to determine that pain and/or distress relief would interfere with test results.

Inflammation is the endpoint which is under study. Analgesics are known to interfere with the development of inflammation and thus cannot be used.

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Signature of Principal Investigator

Date: 11/16/06